

Budget Detail Request - Fiscal Year 2016-17

Your request will not be officially submitted unless all questions and applicable sub parts are answered.

1. Title of Project: Challenges for Florida of the U.S. Normalization of Relations with Cuba
2. Date of Submission: 01/20/2016
3. House Member Sponsor(s): Jose Diaz

4. DETAILS OF AMOUNT REQUESTED:

- a. Has funding been provided in a previous state budget for this activity? No
If answer to 4a is ?NO? skip 4b and 4c and proceed to 4d
- b. What is the most recent fiscal year the project was funded?
- c. Were the funds provided in the most recent fiscal year subsequently vetoed? No
- d. Complete the following Project Request Worksheet to develop your request (Note that Column E will be the total of Recurring funds requested and Column F will be the total Nonrecurring funds requested, the sum of which is the Total of the Funds you are requesting in Column G):

FY:	Input Prior Year Appropriation for this project for FY 2015-16 (If appropriated in FY 2015-16 enter the appropriated amount, even if vetoed.)			Develop New Funds Request for FY 2016-17 (If no new Recurring or Nonrecurring funding is requested, enter zeros.)			
	Column: A	B	C	D	E	F	G
Funds Description:	Prior Year Recurring Funds	Prior Year Nonrecurring Funds	Total Funds Appropriated (Recurring plus Nonrecurring: Column A + Column B)	Recurring Base Budget (Will equal non-vetoed amounts provided in Column A)	INCREASED or NEW Recurring Requested	TOTAL Nonrecurring Requested (Nonrecurring is one time funding & must be re-requested every year)	Total Funds Requested Over Base Funding (Recurring plus Nonrecurring: Column E + Column F)
Input Amounts:					0	200,000	200,000

- e. New Nonrecurring Funding Requested for FY 16-17 will be used for:
 Operating Expenses Fixed Capital Construction Other one-time costs
- f. New Recurring Funding Requested for FY 16-17 will be used for:
 Operating Expenses Fixed Capital Construction Other one-time costs

5. Requester:

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- b. Organization: Institute for Cuban & Cuban-American Studies, University of Miami
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6. Organization or Name of Entity Receiving Funds:

- a. Name: Institute for Cuban & Cuban-American Studies, University of
- b. County (County where funds are to be expended) Miami-Dade
- c. Service Area (Counties being served by the service(s) provided with funding) Statewide

7. Write a project description that will serve as a stand-alone summary of the project for legislative review. The description should summarize the entire project's intended purpose, the purpose of the funds requested (if request is a sub-part of the entire project), and most importantly the detail on how the funds requested will be spent - for example how much will be spent on positions and associated salaries, specifics on capital costs, and detail of operational expenses. The summary must list what local, regional or statewide interests or areas are served. It should also document the need for the funds, the community support and expected results when applicable. Be sure to include the type and amount of services as well as the number of the specific target population that will be served (such as number of home health visits to X, # of elderly, # of school aged children to receive mentoring, # of violent crime victims to receive once a week counseling etc.)

I. Abuses to Tourist Visas:

The granting of tourists' visas to Cubans to visit the U.S. is creating opportunity for many to stay. ICCAS estimates that 38 percent of Cubans visiting the U.S. as tourists are staying as permanent residents. In addition, 20,000 Cubans are arriving legally; 5,000 by sea; and 30,000 thru third countries. This issue must be addressed with positive alternatives to control the significant and financial impact on local and state government expenditure.

II. Health

Cuba currently suffers from a variety of epidemics, including dengue and cholera. Tourists, visiting Cuba and Cubans moving to Florida will tax the health system and will overwhelm our hospitals and clinics.

III. Insurance Fraud

State and local authorities in Florida spend millions of dollar on preventing and investigating insurance fraud, much of it committed by Cuba-Americans and some of it directed by the Cuban government.

IV. Security

Cuban-Americans living in South Florida own several thousand small boats. As normalization proceeds, there are some dangerous operatives that will visit the

island and bring back with them illegal immigrants drugs and possibly terrorists. Cuba's close relations with Iran will facilitate the smuggling of Iranian terrorists into South Florida.

8. Provide the total cost of the project for FY 2016-17 from all sources of funding:

Federal: 0

State: 0 (Excluding the requested Total Amount in #4d, Column G)

Local: 0

Other: 0

9. Is this a multi-year project requiring funding from the state for more than one year?

No